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Title : Mr. Speaker made an announcement regarding Statement by the Prime Minister on Nuclear Agreement.

11.30 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Thirty minutes past Eleven of the Clock.

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

(At this stage, Shri Harikewal Prasad and some other

Hon'ble Members came and stood on th floor near the Table)

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, the hon. Leader of the House at the Leaders' meeting has offered that the hon. Prime Minister will make his Statement on this Nuclear Agreement issue at 2 p.m. After that the House shall take up the discussion on the flood situation which is of extreme importance to the country. I appeal to all of you to please allow the discussion to continue. The discussion on the flood situation will start at 2 p.m, soon after the Statement of the hon. Prime Minister, probably at 2.30 p.m. Therefore, the statement would be made by the hon. Prime Minister at 2 p.m. followed by a very important discussion on the flood situation which will continue until it has concluded.

I appeal to all sections of the House to permit this important discussion to be continued. The country is watching us. If we do not properly and in a civilized manner discuss this important issue, then there is no justification for this Parliament to exist. I earnestly appeal to you to please co-operate. Please do not hold this House to ransom. You are insulting the people of this country. The people have not sent us here to raise slogans.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am requesting the hon. Leader of the House to arrange for the presence of the hon. Prime Minister at 2 p.m.

...(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, the hon. Prime Minister will make his statement at 2 p.m...(*Interruptions*) and after 2 p.m. the House could take up the discussion on the flood situation. There is no problem in that...(*Interruptions*) The House should transact normal business. I would request the hon. Members to go back to their seats and resume the normal Question Hour...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am thankful to the hon. Leader of the House for suggesting that the hon. Prime Minister will make a Statement at 2 o'clock. I would request him to arrange for his presence at 2 o'clock. After his Statement, the debate on the flood situation will start. Now, I would request the hon. Members to allow me to continue with the Question Hour.

...(*Interruptions*)

14.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Prime Minister may make his Statement on Civil Nuclear Energy Cooperation.

...(*Interruptions*)

14.01 hrs.

(At this stage, Shri Raghuraj Singh Shakya and some other

Hon'ble Members came and stood on th floor near the Table)

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats. It is a sad day as you are not allowing even the Prime Minister to speak.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: What is this, the country's Prime Minister is not able to speak in the House?

...(*Interruptions*)